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SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Madam President, members of the Legislature. LB 527 amends section 25-21,239 of the Nebraska Statutes regarding liability for the operation of leased trucks. Current law provides for joint and several liability of the owner/lessor, with lessee and operator for damages caused by operation of the truck. This bill would provide that joint and several liability only applies to the owner/lessor of a truck when the truck is leased for a period of less than 30 days or if it is leased for commercial purposes for any period of time. As I understand it, with the current law, if I go to a local car dealership to lease a pickup and intend to use that pickup as my primary vehicle for a period of two to five years, I must show proof of insurance in order to register that vehicle. But the current law could be interpreted to say that the car dealership was liable as well. This bill is intended to correct that. It would not apply to leases of less than 30 days. Say if you were going to rent a vehicle to drive while you were...while yours was being repaired or if you rented a car at the airport while you were in town for a two-week vacation. I urge your support of LB 527.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Any discussion? Seeing none. Senator Pedersen. He waives closing. The question is, shall LB 527 advance? All in favor vote aye. Opposed no. Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of 527.

SENATOR CROSBY: The bill advances. LB 558.

CLERK: (LB) 558 by Senator Brashear. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 21, referred to the Health Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Madam Chairman, members of the body. LB 558 would provide for the legal recognition of the practice of